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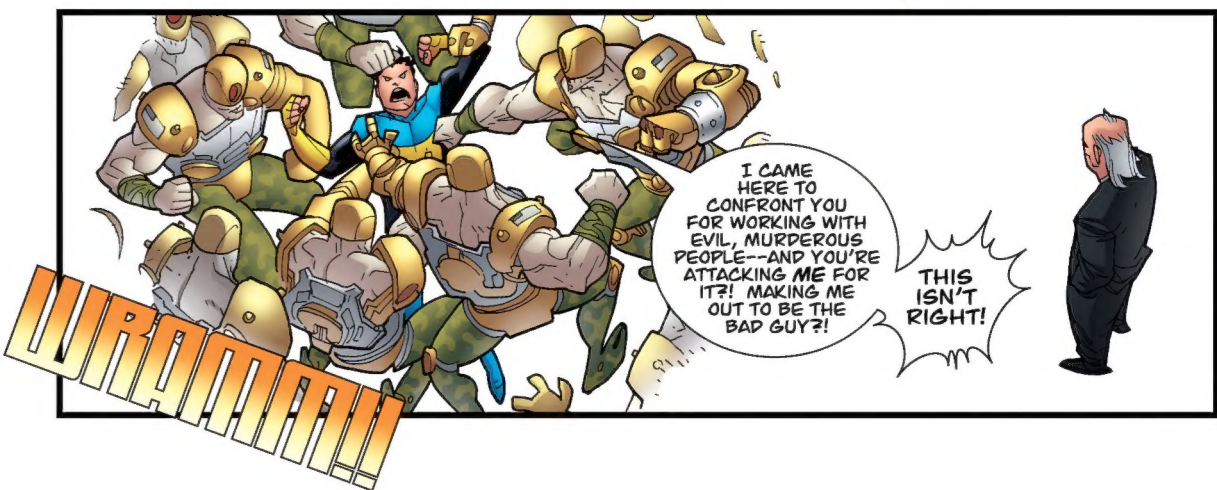
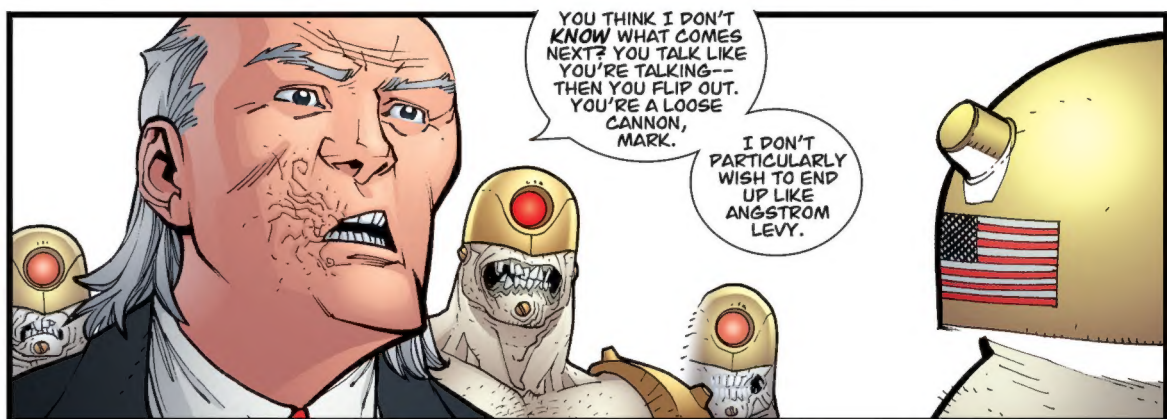
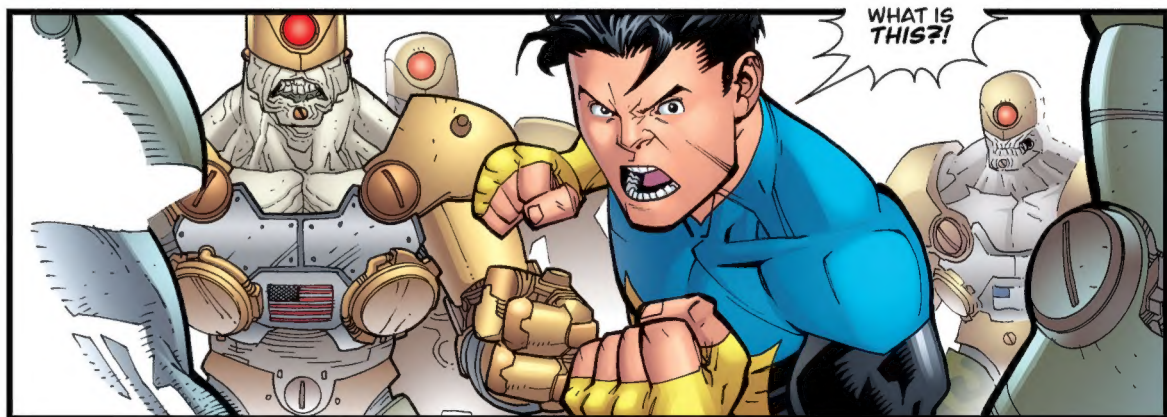
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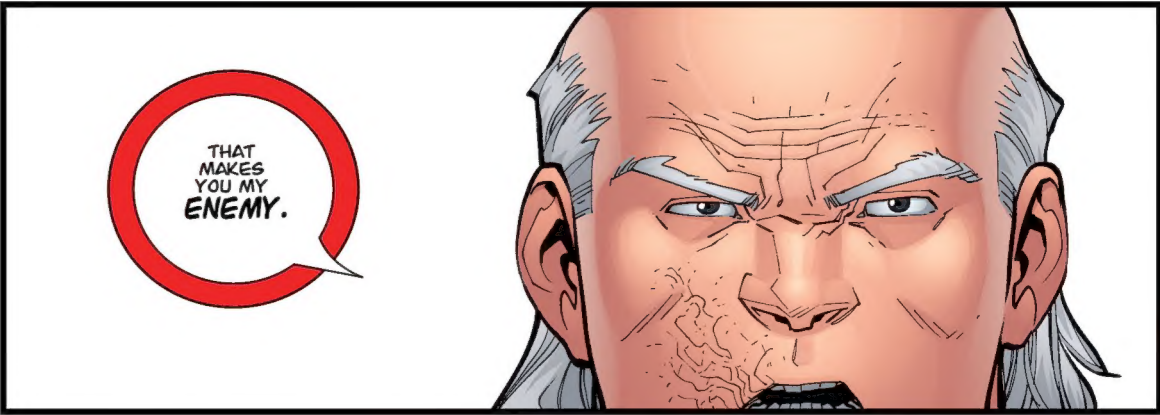
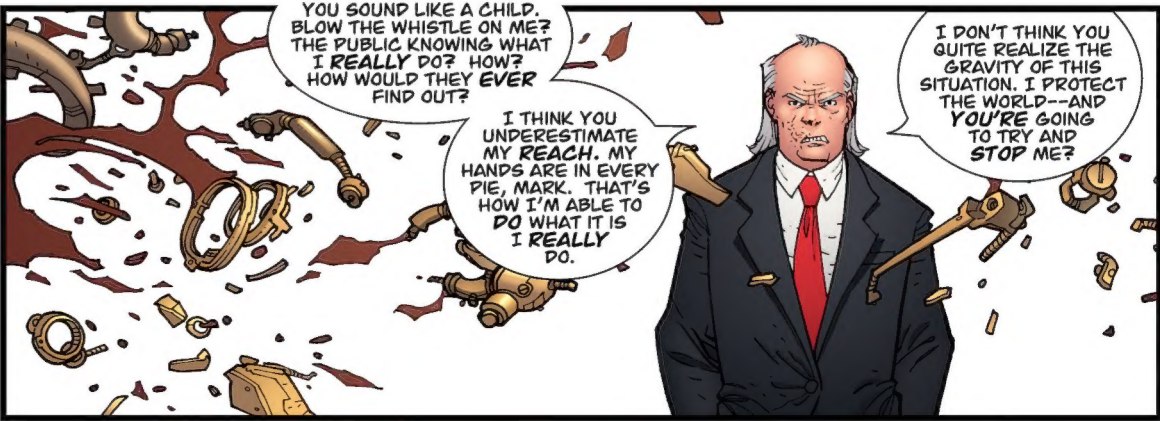
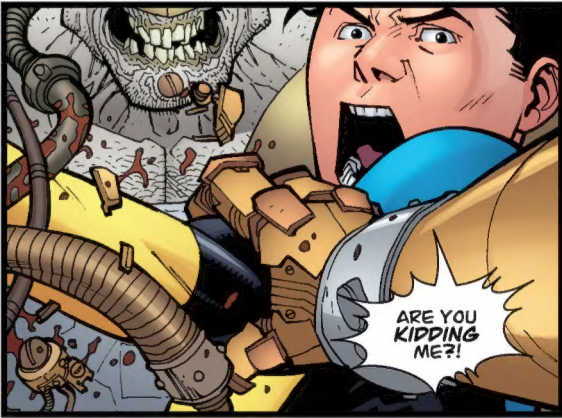
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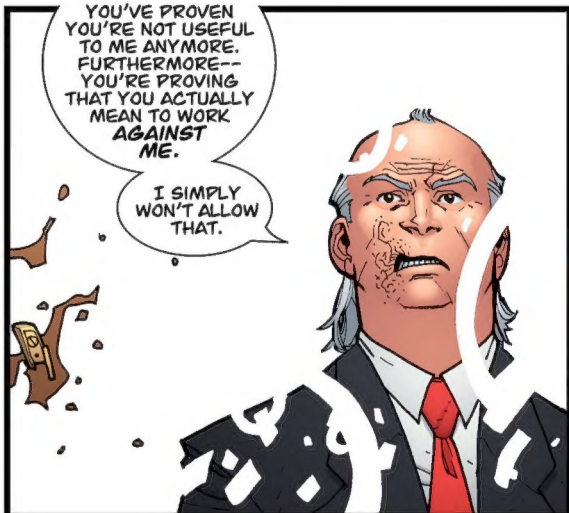
WHAT--I HAVEN'T
KILLED ENOUGH
PEOPLE TO BE
AN ALLY?!



YOU'RE
INSANE!

YOU'VE PROVEN
YOU'RE NOT USEFUL
TO ME ANYMORE.
FURTHERMORE--
YOU'RE PROVING
THAT YOU ACTUALLY
MEAN TO WORK
AGAINST
ME.

I SIMPLY
WON'T ALLOW
THAT.

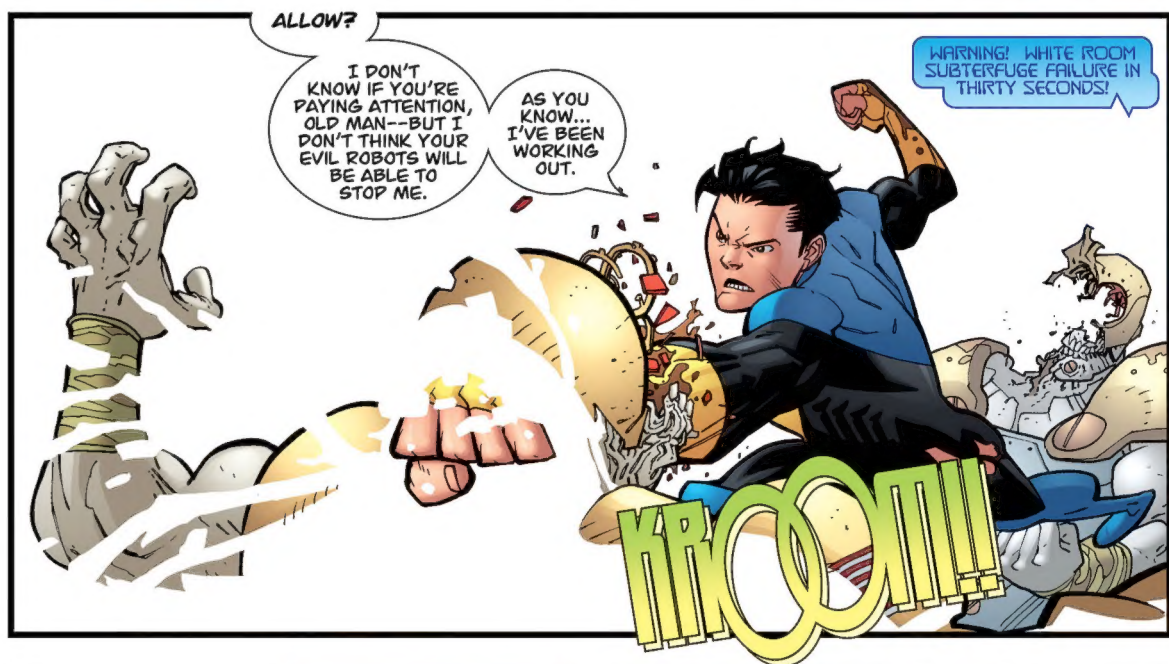


ALLOW?

I DON'T
KNOW IF YOU'RE
PAYING ATTENTION,
OLD MAN--BUT I
DON'T THINK YOUR
EVIL ROBOTS WILL
BE ABLE TO
STOP ME.

AS YOU
KNOW...
I'VE BEEN
WORKING
OUT.

WARNING! WHITE ROOM
SUBTERFUGE FAILURE IN
THIRTY SECONDS!



CRAP.

WARNING! WHITE ROOM
SUBTERFUGE FAILURE IN
FIFTEEN SECONDS!



SO THAT'S IT? IS
THAT ALL OF YOUR
ROBOTS? YOU REALLY
DIDN'T PLAN FOR
THIS DID YOU?

DID YOU
THINK I'D JUST
GIVE UP AND
STEP BACK
IN LINE?

WHITE ROOM
SUBTERFUGE
FAILURE IN THREE...
TWO... ONE...





UH...

YEAH, WE COULD BE HERE ALL DAY AT THE RATE YOU'RE GOING.

SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE UP?



THEN WHAT? ARE YOU GOING TO ARREST ME?



FOR WHAT? I'M CONFIDENT WE CAN AVOID THAT...

...ASSUMING YOU STOP RIGHT NOW.



THEN WHAT? WE JUST FORGET THIS EVER HAPPENED? FORGET YOU'VE GOT DOCTOR FRANKENSTEIN RUNNING FREE--MAKING ZOMBIE SOLDIERS--PRETEND YOU'RE NOT HIRING MURDERERS?!

HOW ABOUT THIS-- YOU ARREST D.A. SINCLAIR AND DARKWING--AND I'LL THINK ABOUT STANDING DOWN.



IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR ME--THEN I'LL NEED THEM MORE THAN EVER.

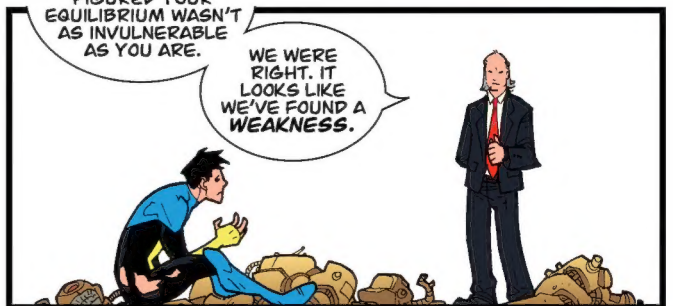
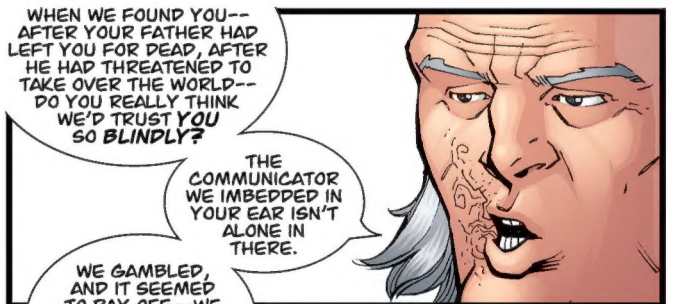
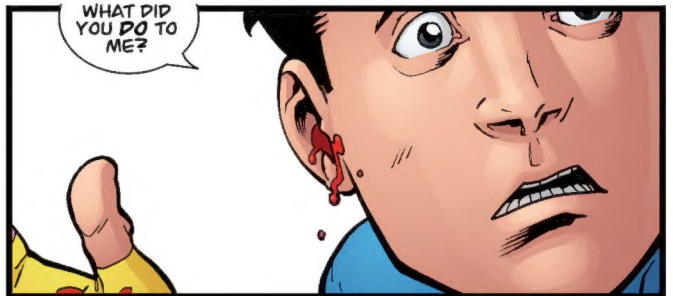
NO, I'M SORRY THAT ME WORKING WITH THEM INTERFERES WITH YOUR STRICT VIEWS ON RIGHT AND WRONG THAT ARE BORN OUT OF A NEED TO PROVE YOU'RE NOT YOUR FATHER--BUT I WON'T STOP WORKING WITH THEM ANY TIME SOON.

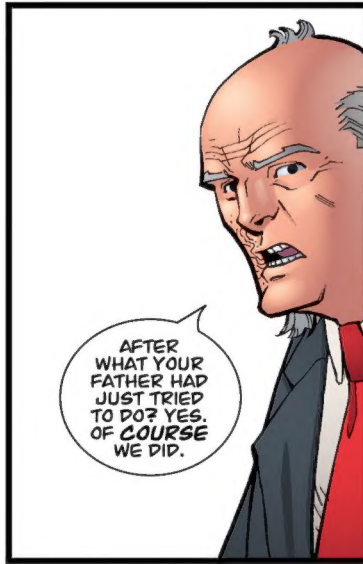


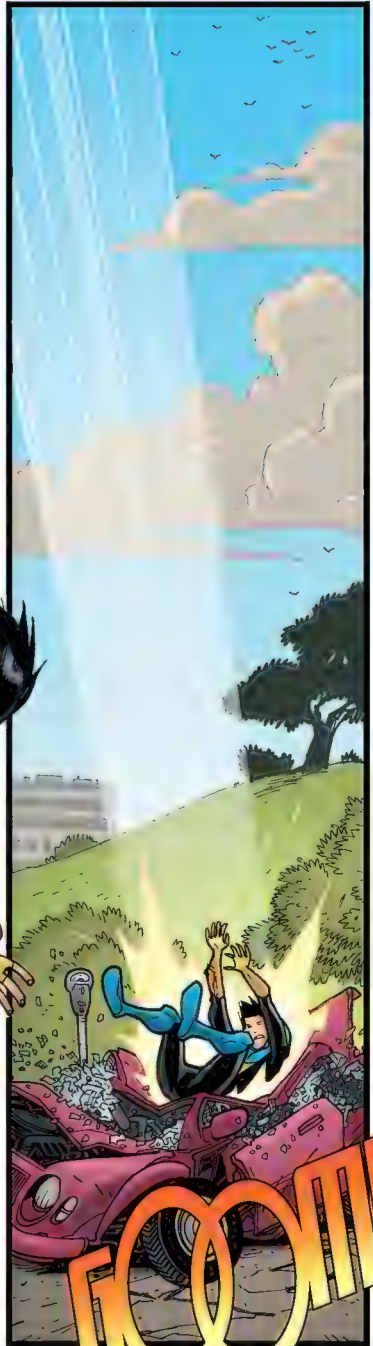
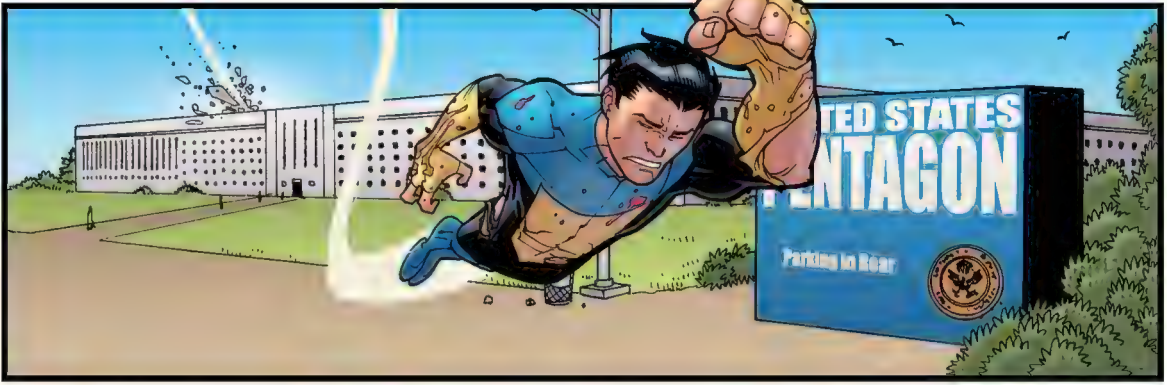
THEN I GUESS I'VE GOT A LOT OF ROBOTS TO DESTROY-- BECAUSE I'M SURE AS HELL NOT GOING TO JUST SURRENDER.

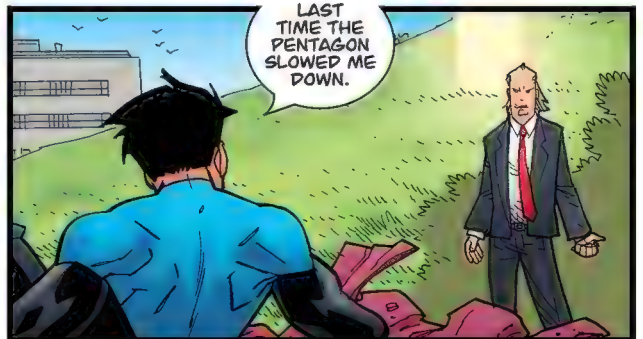
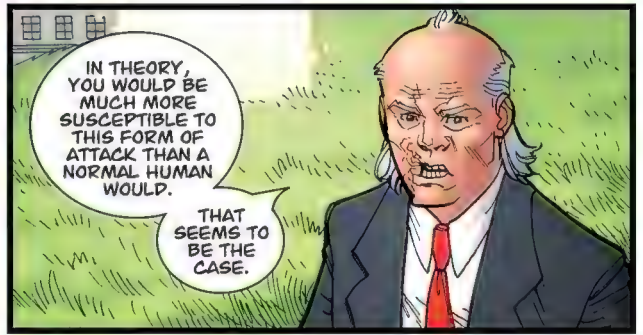
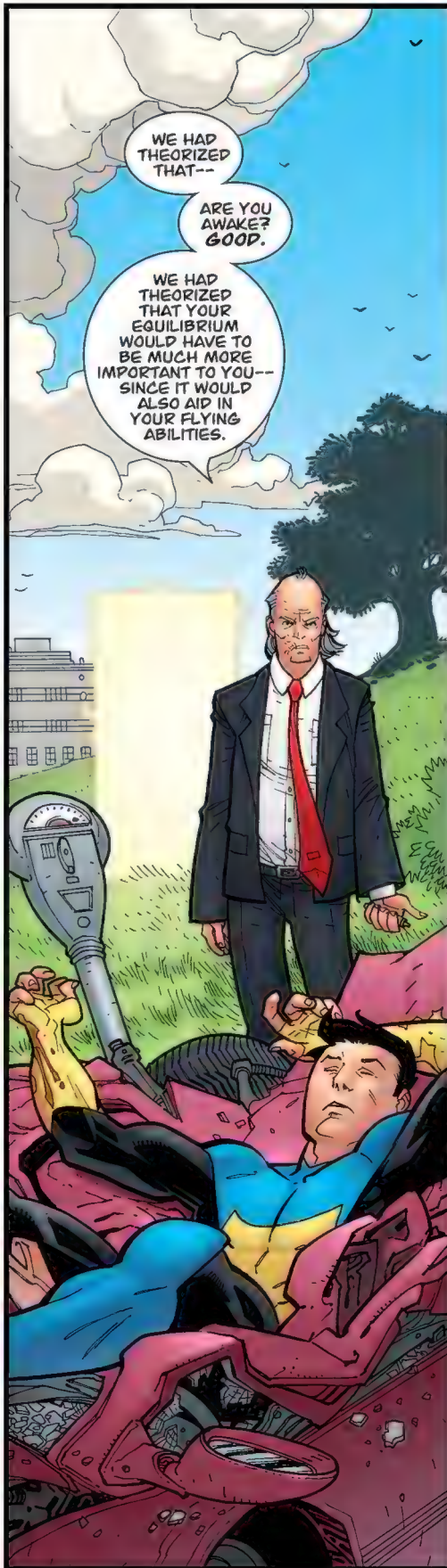


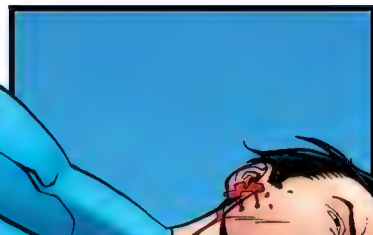
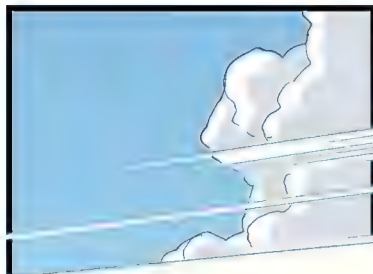
ACTUALLY, I THINK YOU'VE COST THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS QUITE ENOUGH ALREADY. I'VE GOT A MUCH MORE EFFICIENT WAY OF KEEPING YOU IN CHECK.



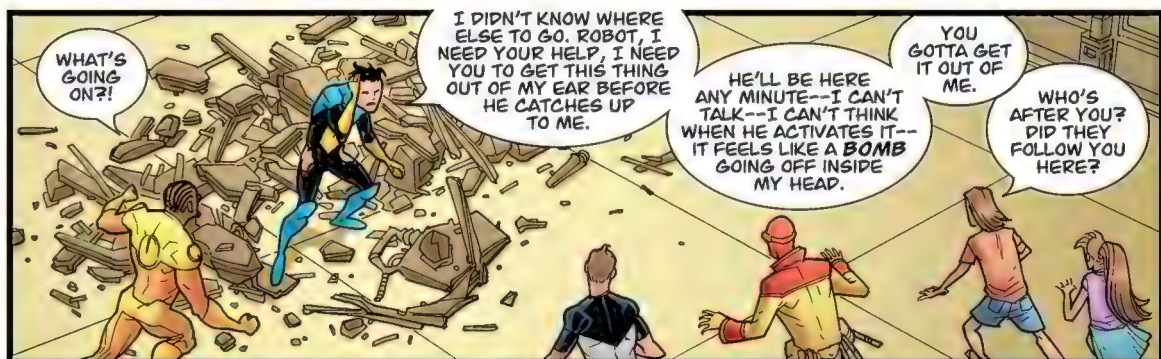


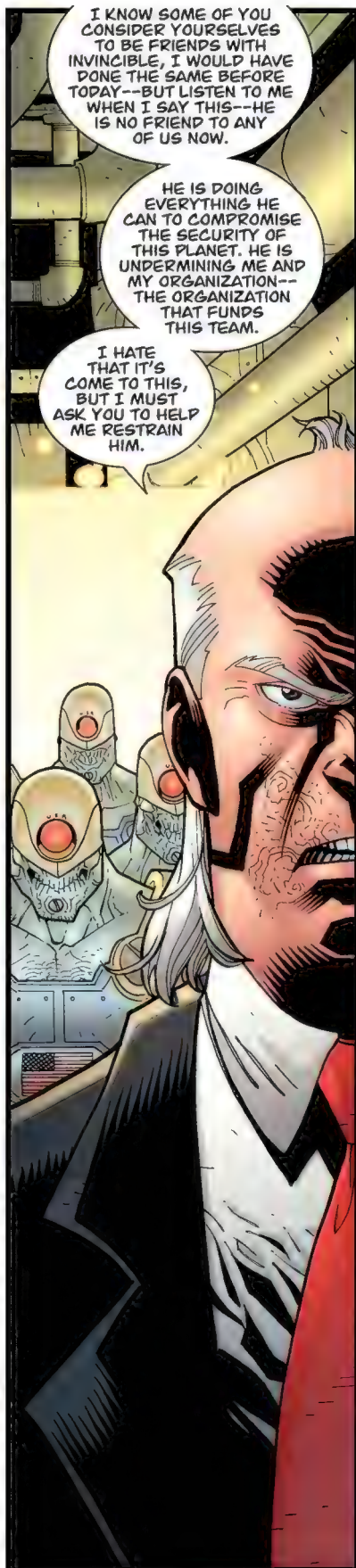












I KNOW SOME OF YOU
CONSIDER YOURSELVES
TO BE FRIENDS WITH
INVINCIBLE, I WOULD HAVE
DONE THE SAME BEFORE
TODAY--BUT LISTEN TO ME
WHEN I SAY THIS--HE
IS NO FRIEND TO ANY
OF US NOW.

HE IS DOING
EVERYTHING HE
CAN TO COMPROMISE
THE SECURITY OF
THIS PLANET. HE IS
UNDERMINING ME AND
MY ORGANIZATION--
THE ORGANIZATION
THAT FUNDS
THIS TEAM.

I HATE
THAT IT'S
COME TO THIS,
BUT I MUST
ASK YOU TO HELP
ME RESTRAIN
HIM.

WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOU, INVINCIBLE?
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING
LIKE A MANIAC SINCE
WE DEFEATED
DOC SEISMIC
EARLIER.

DON'T
LISTEN TO
HIM--HE'S
NOT TELLING
YOU THE
WHOLE
STORY!

HE'S EMPLOYING MURDERERS!
THE MAN WHO HELPED US STOP
DOC SEISMIC, DARKWING,
HE'S A MURDERER--I KNOW
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME
BUT IT'S TRUE.

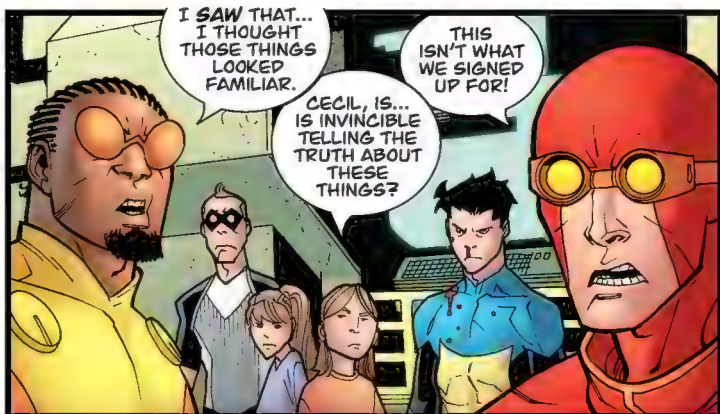
I WAS SENT
INTO MIDNIGHT
CITY BY CECIL--
SENT IN TO STOP A
MURDERER. I FOUND
OUT IT WAS DARKWING,
HE'D SNAPPED, HE
WAS KILLING ANYONE
WHO BROKE
THE LAW.

I ARRESTED
HIM--I THOUGHT
HE WAS IN JAIL.
CECIL SUPPRESSED
THE TRUTH--PUT
HIM ON THE
PAYROLL!

I KNOW DARKWING.
HE WAS ALWAYS
ARROGANT, EVEN
HATEFUL... BUT I
DON'T SEE HIM
BEING A
MURDERER.

THESE ROBOTS--
THESE REANIMEN
HE'S GOT WITH HIM.
THEY WERE INVENTED
BY A MAN WHO BUILT
THEM AROUND
HOMELESS PEOPLE
AND COLLEGE
STUDENTS--MY
FRIENDS. THEY
ATTACKED MY
COLLEGE CAMPUS
TWICE--YOU HAD
TO SEE THAT ON
THE NEWS!

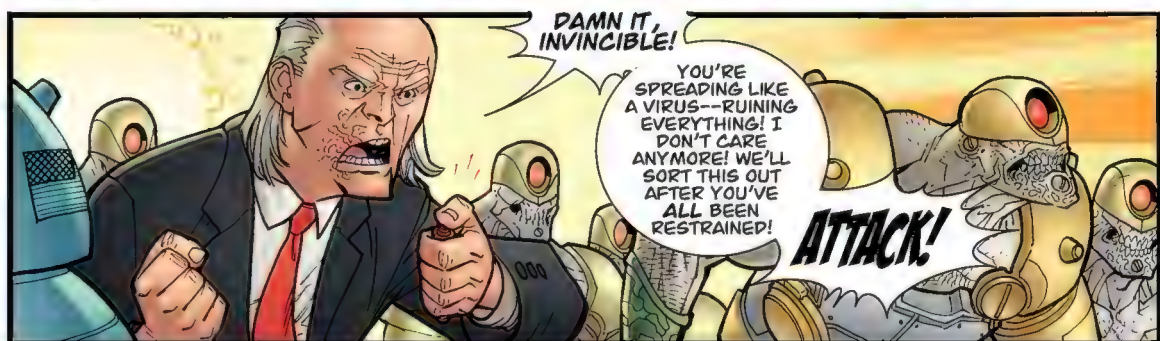
HE KILLED
MORE THAN A
DOZEN PEOPLE
PERFECTING
THOSE
MONSTROSITIES.

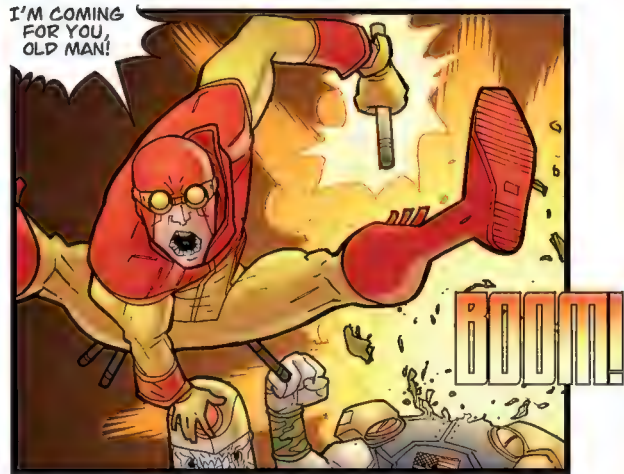
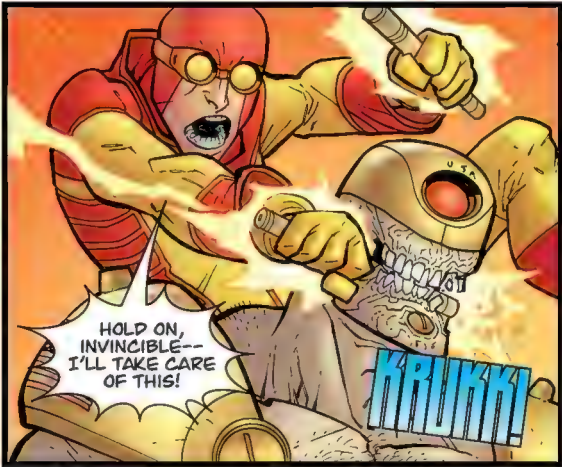


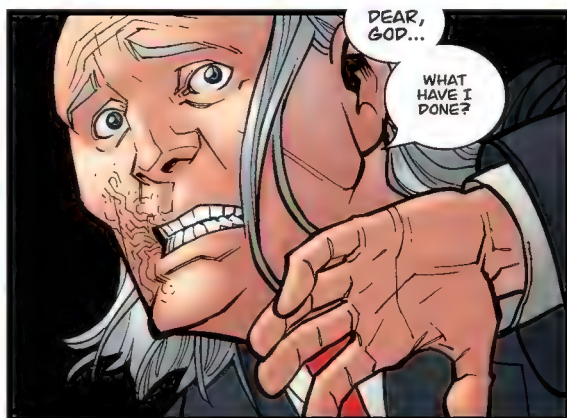
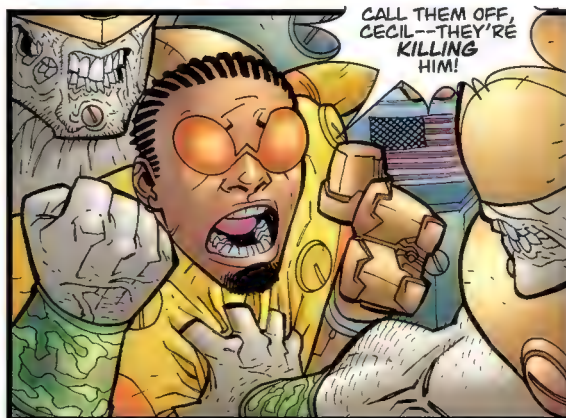
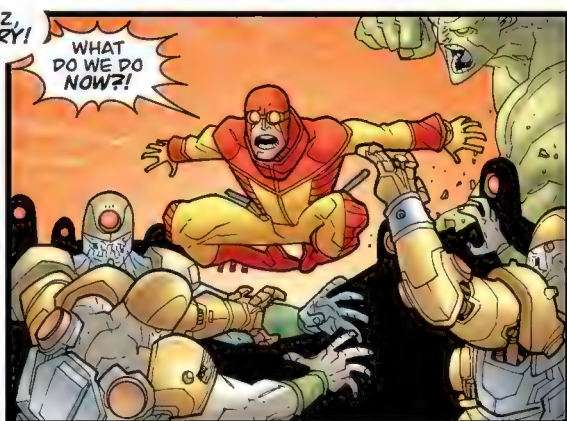
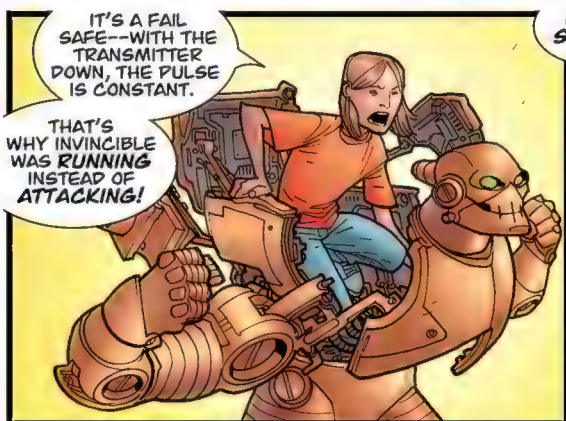
I SAW THAT...
I THOUGHT
THOSE THINGS
LOOKED
FAMILIAR.

CECIL, IS...
IS INVINCIBLE
TELLING THE
TRUTH ABOUT
THESE
THINGS?

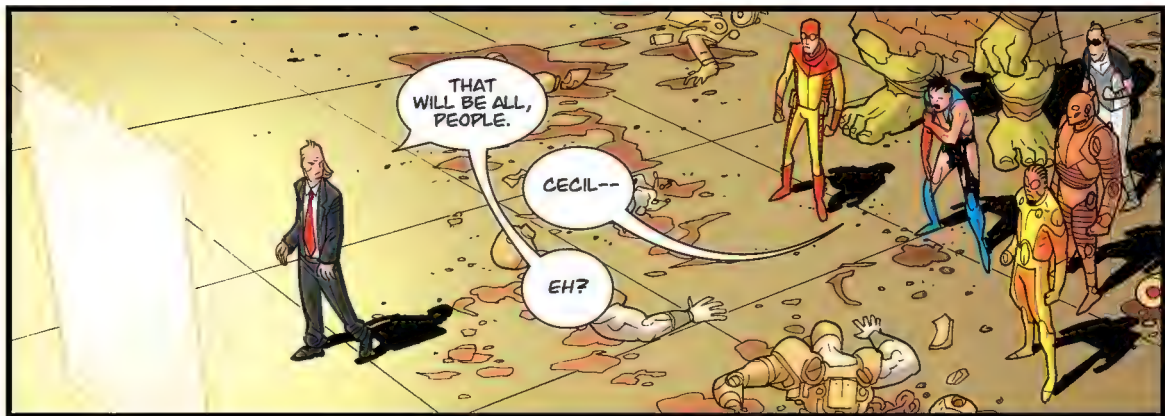
THIS
ISN'T WHAT
WE SIGNED
UP FOR!









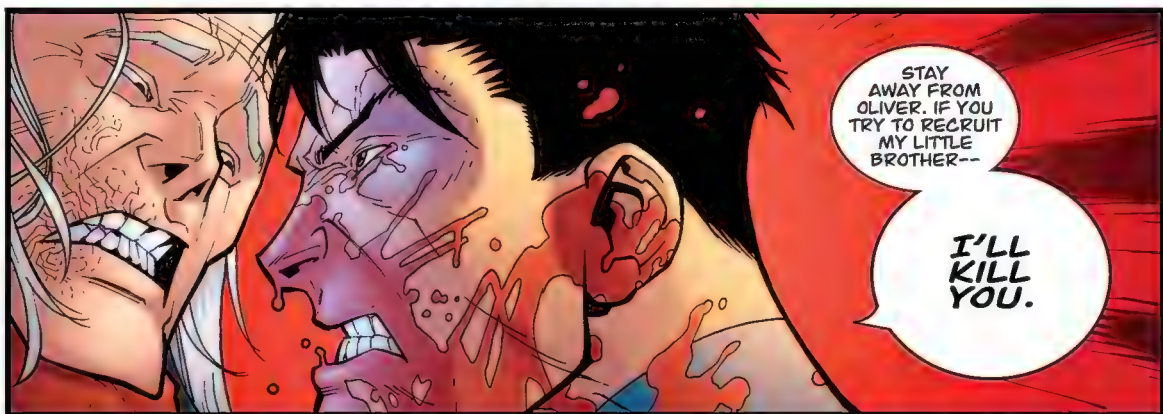




IF WE'RE DONE--
WE'RE **DONE**. GET IT?
I DON'T WANT YOU IN
MY LIFE--I DON'T
WANT YOU MESSING
WITH ME.

WHATEVER
I'VE BEEN PAID--
WHATEVER YOU'VE
GIVEN US--IT'S
MINE. YOU STAY
AWAY FROM MY
FAMILY.

I DON'T
WANT YOU
TALKING TO MY
MOTHER--I
DON'T WANT
YOU COMING TO
MY HOUSE.



STAY
AWAY FROM
OLIVER. IF YOU
TRY TO RECRUIT
MY LITTLE
BROTHER--

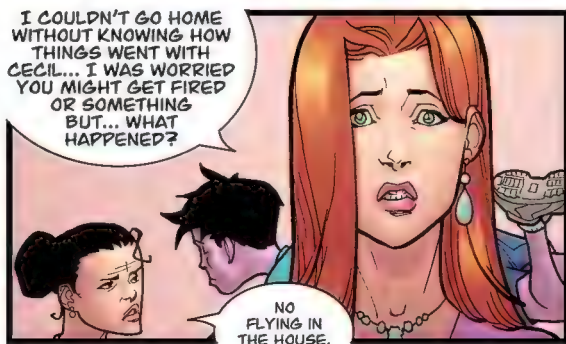
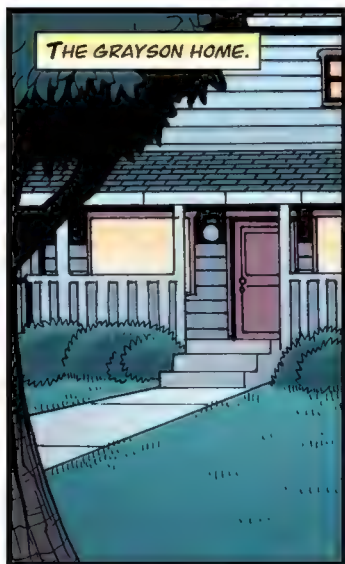
**I'LL
KILL
YOU.**

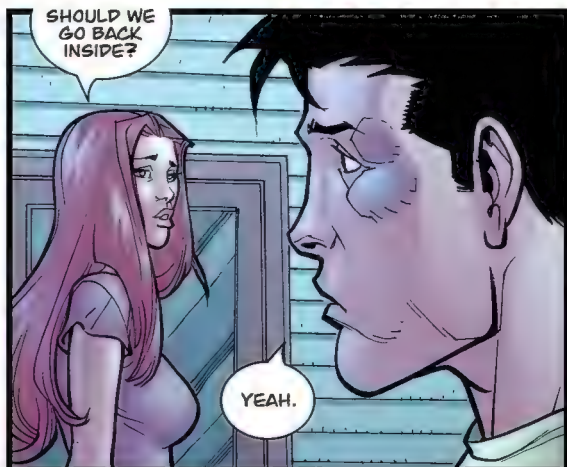
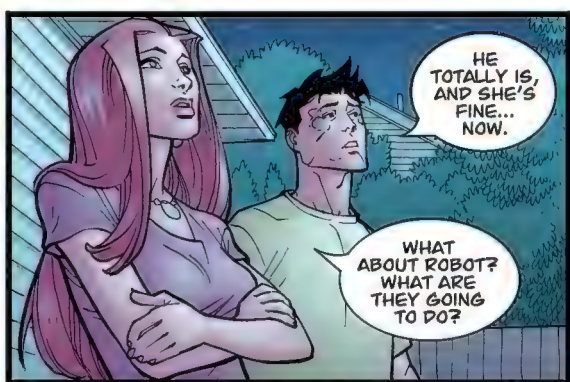
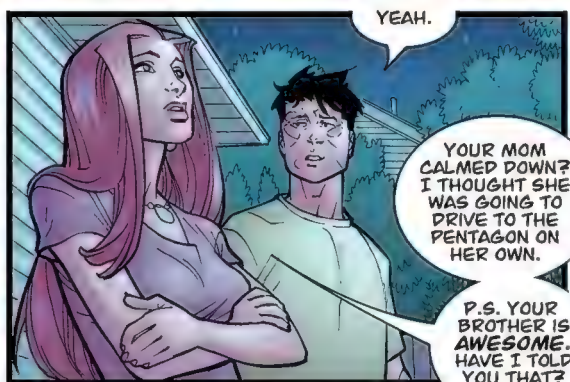


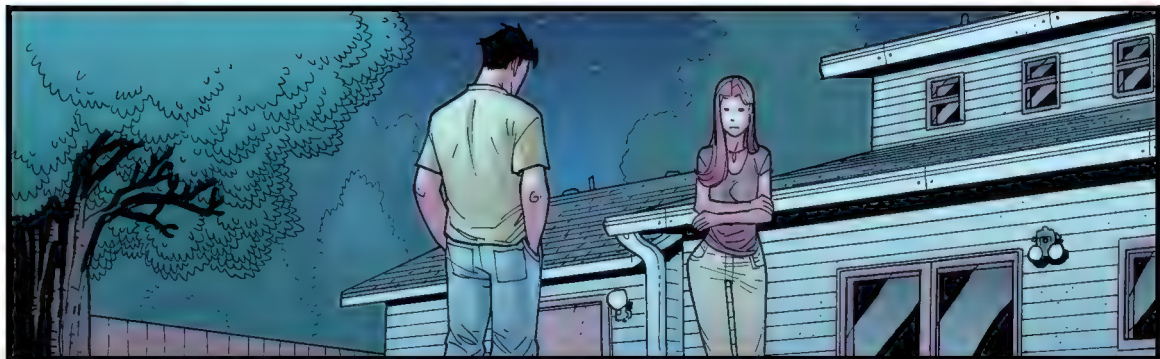
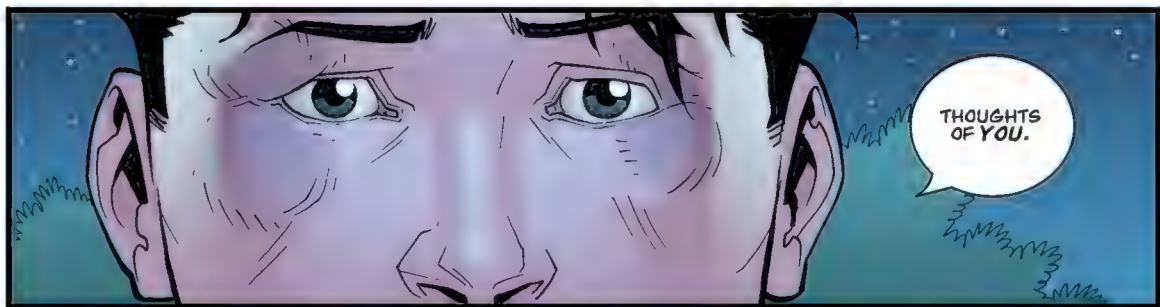
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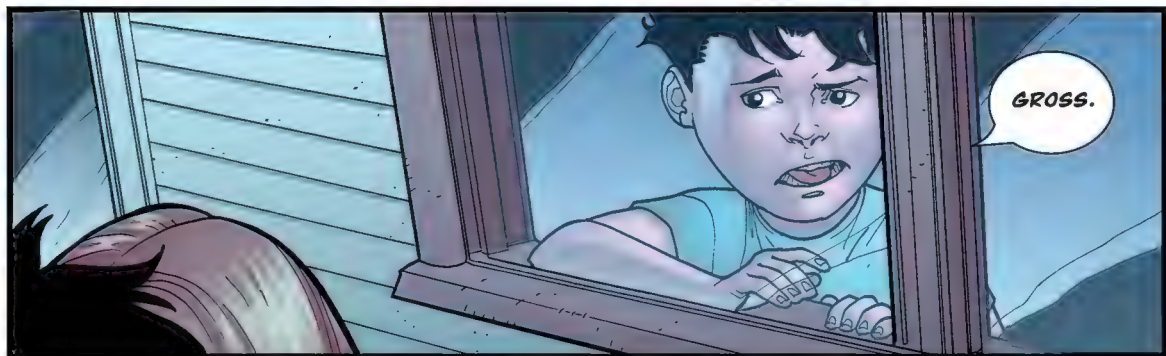
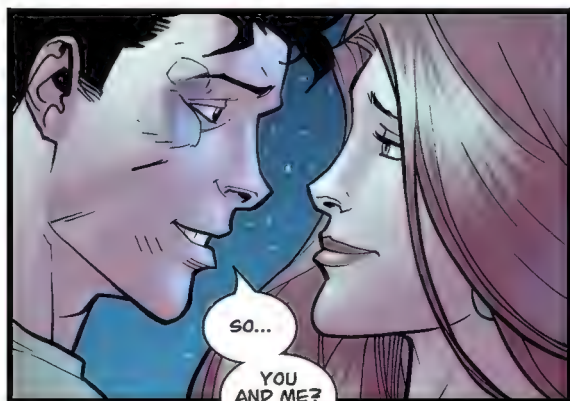
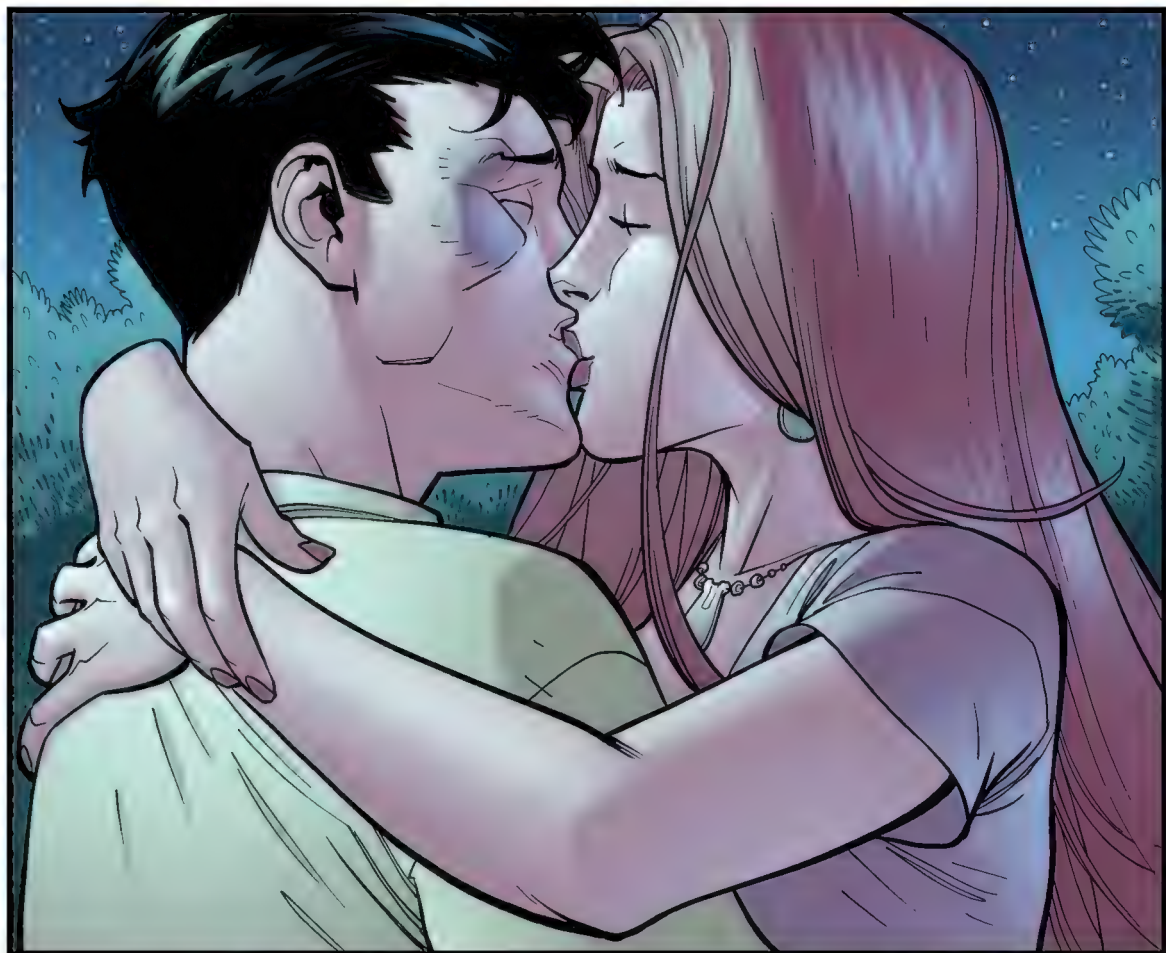
>KOFF!<

ROBOT,
GET THIS
DAMN THING
OUT OF MY
EAR.



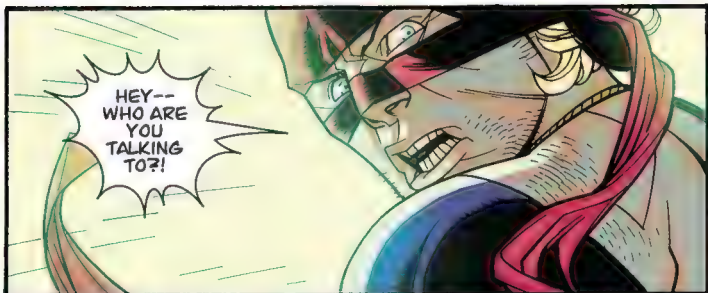
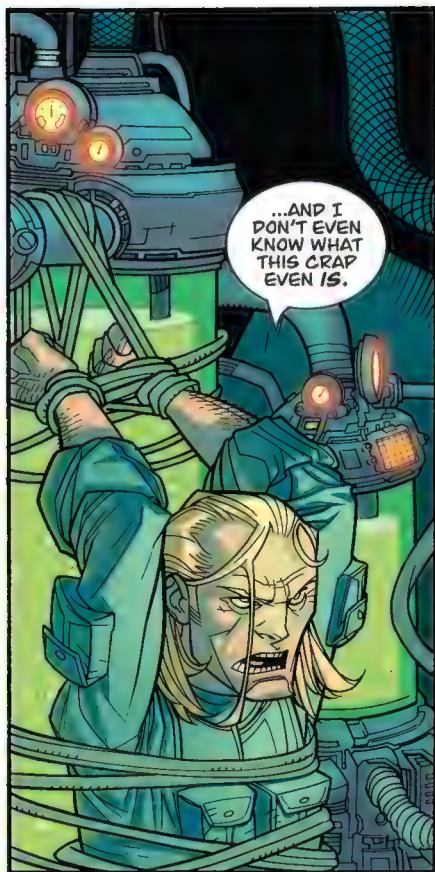






AT LONG LAST- THE SECRET ORIGIN OF CECIL STEDMAN!





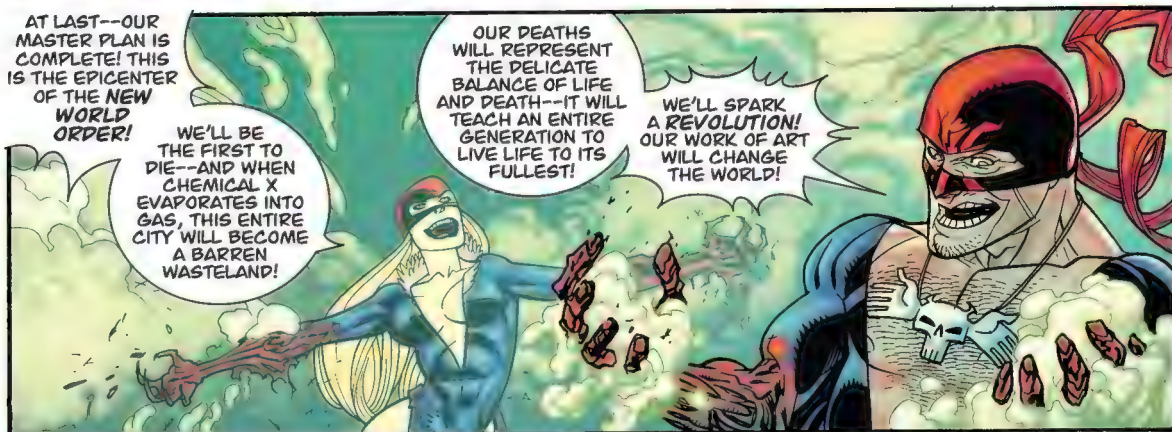


AT LAST--OUR
MASTER PLAN IS
COMPLETE! THIS
IS THE EPICENTER
OF THE NEW
WORLD
ORDER!

WE'LL BE
THE FIRST TO
DIE--AND WHEN
CHEMICAL X
EVAPORATES INTO
GAS, THIS ENTIRE
CITY WILL BECOME
A BARREN
WASTELAND!

OUR DEATHS
WILL REPRESENT
THE DELICATE
BALANCE OF LIFE
AND DEATH--IT WILL
TEACH AN ENTIRE
GENERATION TO
LIVE LIFE TO ITS
FULLEST!

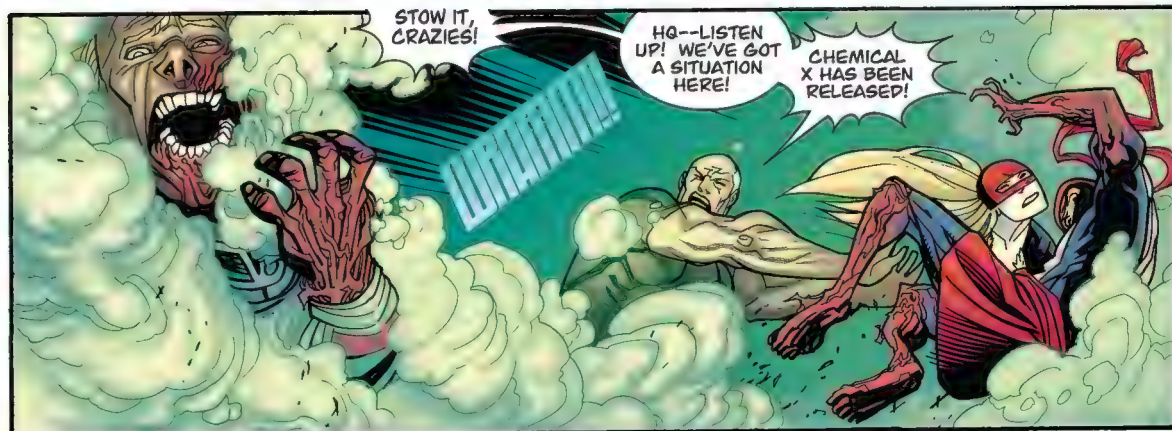
WE'LL SPARK
A REVOLUTION!
OUR WORK OF ART
WILL CHANGE
THE WORLD!



STOW IT,
CRAZIES!

HQ--LISTEN
UP! WE'VE GOT
A SITUATION
HERE!

CHEMICAL
X HAS BEEN
RELEASED!



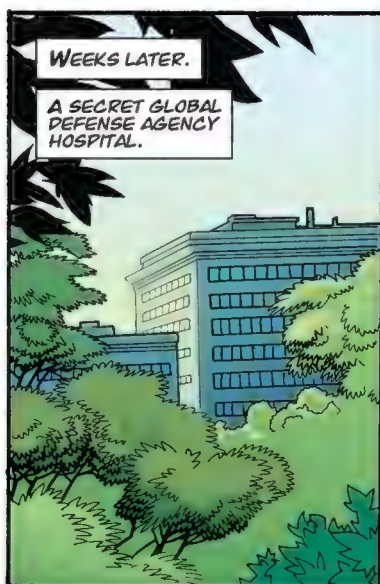
WE NEED TO
QUARANTINE A
THREE MILE
RADIUS AROUND
MY LOCATION,
DOUBLE
FAST!

AGENT
STEPMAN IS
DOWN! I REPEAT,
AGENT STEPMAN
IS DOWN! I NEED
A MED-EVAC
EQUIPPED WITH
SAFE-SUITS
ON SITE
NOW!

CECIL!
CECIL--CAN
YOU HEAR
ME?

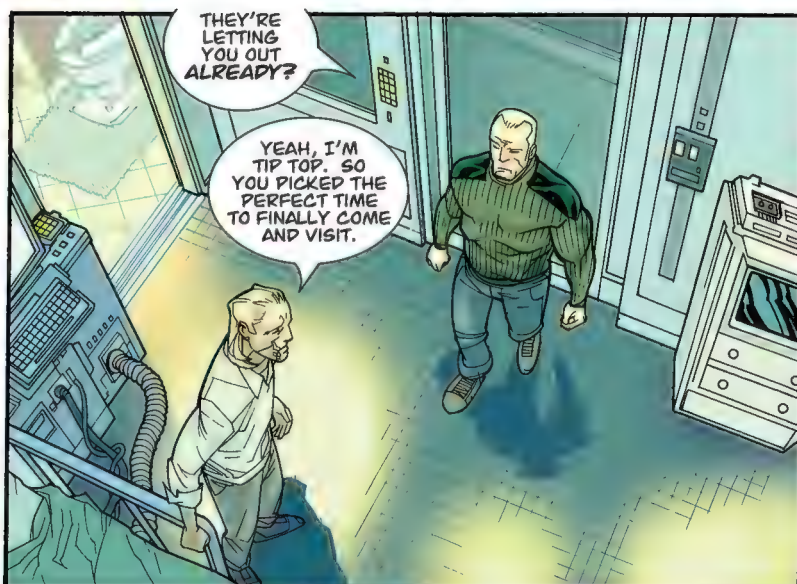
GET IT--
OFF--





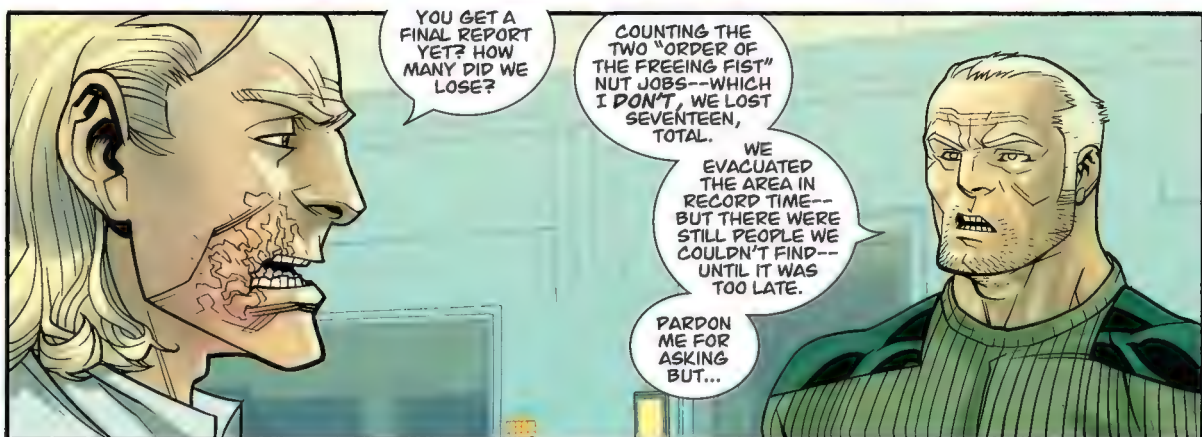
WEEKS LATER.

A SECRET GLOBAL
DEFENSE AGENCY
HOSPITAL.



THEY'RE
LETTING
YOU OUT
ALREADY?

YEAH, I'M
TIP TOP. SO
YOU PICKED THE
PERFECT TIME
TO FINALLY COME
AND VISIT.

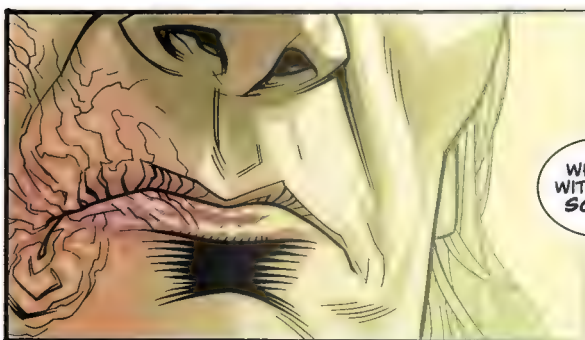


YOU GET A
FINAL REPORT
YET? HOW
MANY DID WE
LOSE?

COUNTING THE
TWO "ORDER OF
THE FREEING FIST"
NUT JOBS--WHICH
I DON'T, WE LOST
SEVENTEEN,
TOTAL.

WE
EVACUATED
THE AREA IN
RECORD TIME--
BUT THERE WERE
STILL PEOPLE WE
COULDN'T FIND--
UNTIL IT WAS
TOO LATE.

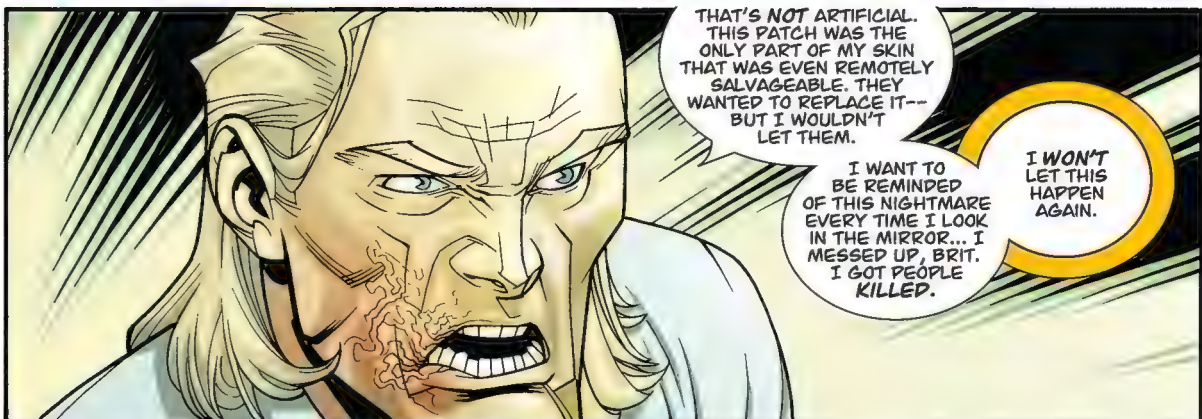
PARDON
ME FOR
ASKING
BUT...



WHAT'S
WITH THE
SCAR?



DID THEY
MESS UP WHEN
THEY WERE
APPLYING THE
ARTIFICIAL
SKIN? WHAT
GIVES?



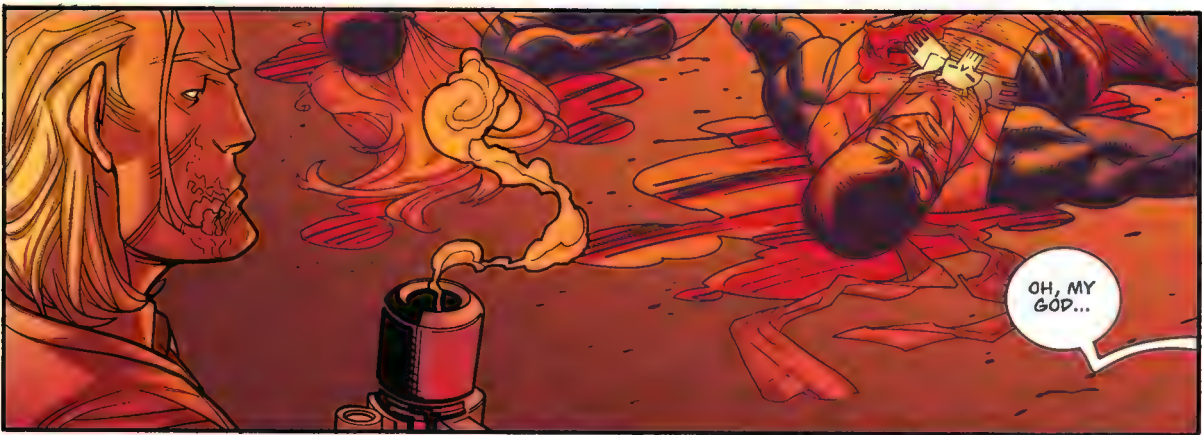
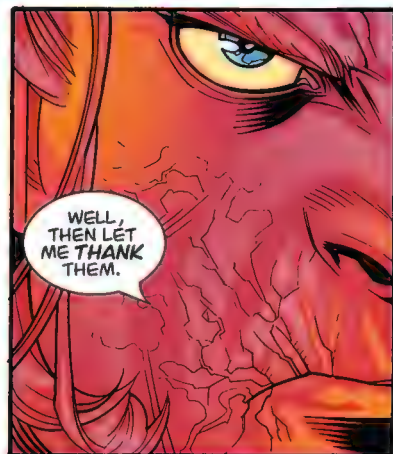
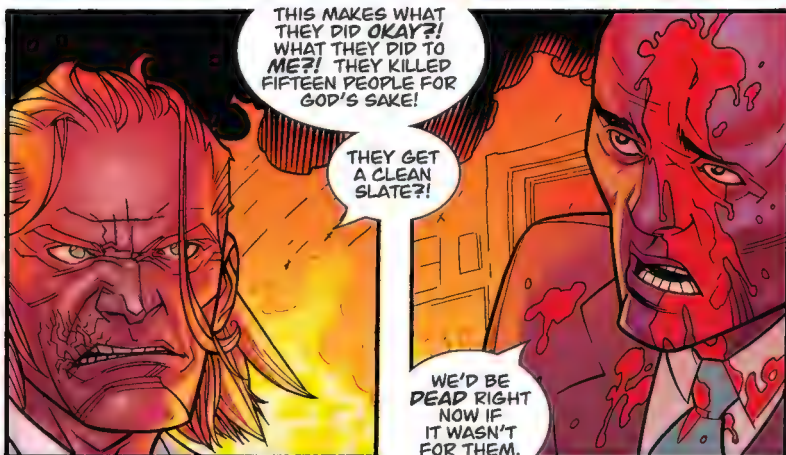
THAT'S NOT ARTIFICIAL.
THIS PATCH WAS THE
ONLY PART OF MY SKIN
THAT WAS EVEN REMOTELY
SALVAGEABLE. THEY
WANTED TO REPLACE IT--
BUT I WOULDN'T
LET THEM.

I WANT TO
BE REMINDED
OF THIS NIGHTMARE
EVERY TIME I LOOK
IN THE MIRROR... I
MESSED UP, BRIT.
I GOT PEOPLE
KILLED.

I WON'T
LET THIS
HAPPEN
AGAIN.

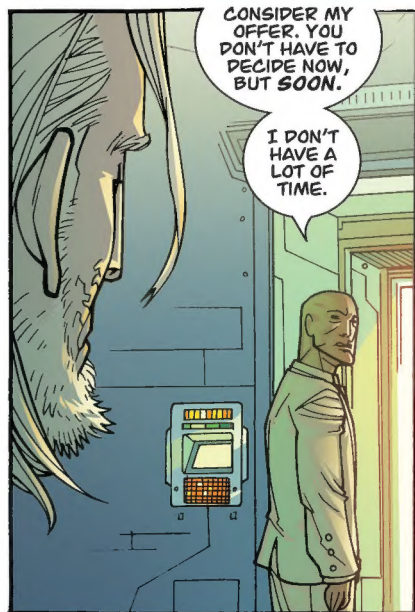
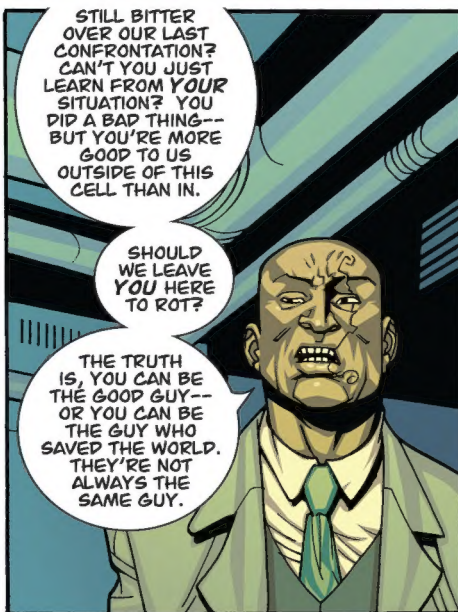
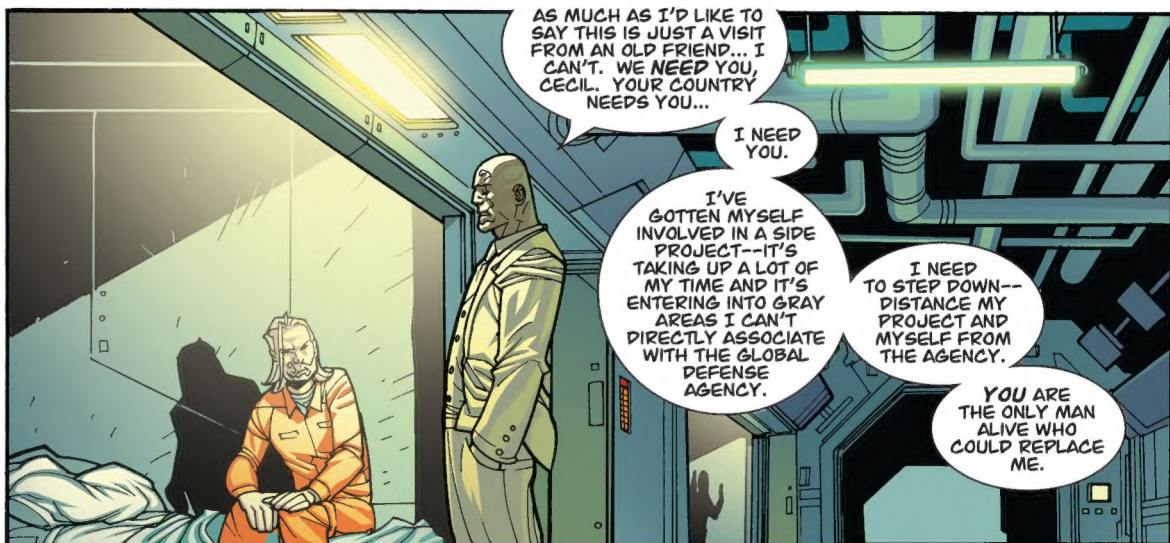


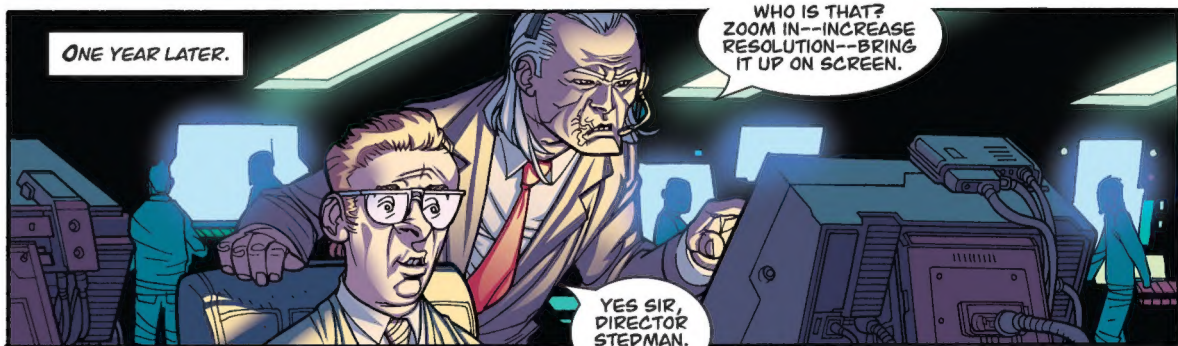






CECIL,
OLD FRIEND...
WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE?







HMN?

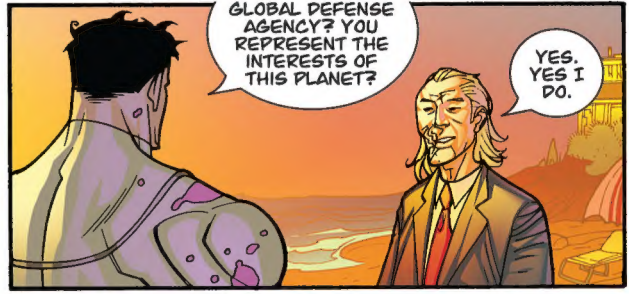
EXCUSE ME, SIR. COULD I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?



WHO ARE YOU?



MY NAME IS CECIL STEPMAN, I'M THE HEAD OF THE GLOBAL DEFENSE AGENCY. YOU'VE DISPLAYED A RANGE OF ABILITIES HERE TODAY THAT MY AGENCY WOULD DEEM--



GLOBAL DEFENSE AGENCY? YOU REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THIS PLANET?

YES. YES I DO.



THEN I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU AS WELL. I'VE COME HERE TO PROTECT THIS PLANET.

I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN LEARNING THE CUSTOMS AND BEHAVIORS OF ITS PEOPLE.



THAT, I CAN DEFINITELY HELP YOU WITH--AS WELL AS YOUR MISSION IN GENERAL. YOU SEE, WE HAVE THE SAME JOB. COME BACK TO MY HEADQUARTERS WITH ME--IT'LL BE EASIER TO TALK THERE.

OKAY, BUT--

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. MY PEOPLE WILL CLEAN IT UP.

